THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 04-163

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 14, 2004, Concord Steam Corporation (Concord Steam), a public utility supplying steam service to approximately 120 commercial and institutional customers in Concord, New Hampshire, filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff providing for its Cost of Energy (COE) for the period November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.

The proposed COE rate is \$9.34 per Mlb (1,000 pounds of steam), compared to the current COE rate of \$10.51 per Mlb, a reduction of \$1.17 per Mlb.

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to RSA 378 relative to rates, forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, purchasing decisions related to the current and past annual fuel supplies, the causes and treatment of over and under recoveries, and the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Concord Steam, the Staff of the Commission and any intervenors hold a technical session at the Commission on October 8, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to review the petition and allow Concord Steam to provide any amendments or update to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Concord Steam shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 24, 2004, in a newspaper with statewide circulation or of general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 20, 2004; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.01, Concord Steam notify all customers by sending a copy of this Order of Notice by first class U.S. mail postmarked no later than October 1, 2004; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Concord Steam serve a summary of its proposed revisions to its 2004/2005 Cost of Energy and a copy of this Order of Notice on the Concord City Clerk by first class U.S. mail postmarked no later than October 3, 2004; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Concord Steam and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 13, 2004, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 18, 2004.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-first day of September, 2004.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director & Secretary

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